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In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: TBA (§371 of
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For: USE OF SOCS-2 OR CIS TO
SCREEN FOR COMPOUNDS
ENHANCING GROWTH
HORMONE EFFECT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claim 9 as follows.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 7 that reduces the biological activity of SOCS-2 and/or CIS comprising purified or recombinant SOCS-2 and/or CIS and proteins, optionally isolated, that link SOCS-2 and/or CIS to signaling molecules dependent on GH.

Kindly replace claim 10 as follows.